



AN ACT REVISING RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEBT LIABILITY WHEN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT PROPERTY IS ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-33-2129, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 7-33-2129, MCA, is amended to read:

**"7-33-2129. Annexation of rural fire district property by municipality -- responsibility for bonded indebtedness debt.** (1) If a municipality annexes property from a rural fire district, the annexed property is liable for any bonded ~~indebtedness~~ debt of the rural fire district or for secured debt incurred by the district for the purchase of real or personal property existing as of the date of annexation the annexation proceeding was commenced to the same extent as it would have been liable if not withdrawn.

(2) A municipality ~~may~~ shall:

(a) offset the municipal mills levied on the annexed property by the mills levied on the property for bonded ~~indebtedness~~ or secured debt; or

(b) annually appropriate funds to the rural fire district in an amount equal to the mills levied on the annexed property for bonded ~~indebtedness~~ or secured debt."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 0255, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

SENATE BILL NO. 255  
INTRODUCED BY B. TUTVEDT

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